

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION
MEETING NOTES – MAY 14, 2014
CITY HALL, SISTER CITIES ROOM

ATTENDANCE

Present

Gisselle Brown	J. Glenn Hopkins	Gwen Mullen
Bill Campbell	Stacey Joyner	Jeffrey Murphy
Rosario Casiano	Councilman Timothy Lovain	Timothy Peterson
William Chesley	Mike Mackey	Cynthia Skinner
Andria Cook	Gerald Mann	Dan Solomon
Rose Dawson	Tammy Mann	Margaret Walsh
Kate Garvey	Sean McEneaney	Marc Williams

Excused Absent

Councilman John Chapman	Sonia Price	Joyce Rawlings
Samuel Hanoura		

Unexcused Absent

Hyun Choi	Emma West	Eric Williams
Nelson Majano		

Guests

Emma Beall	Allen Lomax	Mary Beth Vesta
Dawn Lee		

Staff

Jacqueline Coachman	Ron Frazier	Deborah Warren
Carol Farrell	Shanna Samson	

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT APRIL MEETING NOTES

Sean McEneaney moved the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Bill Campbell and passed unanimously.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MASTER PLAN

Marc Williams stated the action steps proposed in the plan were a source of concern for the School Board, but things are back on track. He characterized comments made by board members during the presentation of the Children & Youth Master Plan as focused on the glass being half-empty, and attributed that to the fact that neither he nor Bill Campbell attended the presentation because of illness. It was the observation of Margaret Walsh that there is consensus for one-on-one conversations with CYFCC members.

Sean McEneaney said the Chair of the School Board has requested additional information regarding the responsibilities of Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS)

under the plan. Of particular interest was the recommendation to expand the FACE Center. Chris Lewis presented other options for the School Board to consider.

It was the position of Chair Tim Peterson that the role of the School Board is to support the goals and strategies of the plan. Mr. Williams preferred the Board adopt the entire plan. Ms. Walsh noted there is value in impressing upon the School Board that the action steps are preliminary. Defining what the end results mean was advised by Tammy Mann. Ms. Walsh noted the School Board thought approval of the plan meant the immediate commitment of funds. In his comments to the School Board, it was the observation of Dr. Crawley that the language in the Children and Youth Master Plan lends itself well to what is envisioned for the ACPS Strategic Plan. Ms. Walsh said it is important that the School Board appreciate the difference between endorsement and approval prior to the joint meeting with the City Council. The commissioners agreed a letter would be forwarded to the School Board that clearly makes the distinction.

Chair Peterson asked what the role of the Children, Youth & Families Commission (CYFCC) should be over the next year. Dan Solomon said implementation is the responsibility of the City Council and CYFCC should not write the implementation plan. The response of Mr. McEneaney was that CYFCC is not an action body. Mr. Solomon said the Commission can develop an implementation plan if requested to do so by City Council. Ms. Mann said an implementation plan falls under the purview of the CYFCC Implementation Committee and the charter prescribes that implementation is to be a collaborative process. It was the advice of Councilman Tim Lovain that Eco-City assumed responsibility for the implementation plan and the City Council will not do implementation. Ron Frazier informed commissioners that the docket memo outlines the next steps.

It was the sense of Mr. McEneaney that City Council and the School Board want CYFCC to coordinate the implementation process; he asked how the Commission should proceed. Mr. Campbell noted the action steps were of most concern to the School Board and advised the Board adopt aspirational goals rather than action steps. The response of Glen Hopkins was the easiest way to destroy a plan is to do nothing and asked when senior staff will produce an implementation plan. Ms. Walsh stated the Superintendent and City Manager will have to indicate which staff is to be involved and how the implementation plan dovetails with tasks already assigned to those individuals. Ms. Mann reiterated her position that this is the purview of the Implementation Committee. Mr. Hopkins recommended a list of deliverables with due dates be requested of City/Schools. Councilman Tim Lovain recommended short, medium and long-term goals. It was the suggestion of Mike Mackey that the Implementation and Monitoring Committee be renamed. Kate Garvey noted there are other bodies working on initiatives included in the plan. Hence, the juncture with nonprofits will have to be determined if City/Schools leads the implementation process.

Gwen Mullen stated the implementation process would benefit from the oversight of a third body. Mr. Peterson said CYFCC is that body; Mr. Hopkins suggested ACHSO.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. McEneaney, Chair of the Budget Committee, reported there will be one meeting before the summer break. As Chair of the Advocacy Committee, Mr. Hopkins stated the current priorities of the committee are the work plan and the legislative agenda. Rose Dawson and Andria Cook,

Co-Chairs of Outreach & Membership, stated six are qualified to run for the position of Chair of CYFCC, but the committee is still awaiting expressions of interest. Responses have been received from ten volunteers; the goal is thirty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deborah Warren congratulated Mr. Hopkins for the honor of being Nonprofit Leader of the Year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.